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MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION HEARD MONDAY MORNING

Was G. B. Rue's Method of Sending Himself Into Eternity by Use of Heavy Charge of Dynamite.

WROTE TO HIS BROTHER ON SATURDAY

Intimating His Intention of Killing Himself That Way

FEW FRAGMENTS FOUND

Body was Evidently Blown Into Atoms

The appalling noise which startled residents of the northwestern part of Decatur early Monday morning has been explained in the discovery of a gruesome tragedy which took place at that time near the Rolling Springs church.

G. B. Rue was blown into eternity by the explosion of what must have been a considerable quantity of dynamite about forty rods west of his late residence in the southwest part of Hickory Point township. The fatality occurred in a patch of timber belonging to a Mr. Trimmer and was not discovered until Tuesday evening.

His Way of Suicide.

The explosion is supposed to have been caused by Rue with suicidal intent although there was no witness. The story of the events leading up to Monday's tragedy is as follows:

Rue had an attack of grip about five years ago and has never fully recovered from the effects. He suffered from dropsy and lately from insomnia. About a year ago his mother died leaving him alone on the place and he has exhibited a melancholic tendency since that event.

Warned His Brothers.

Saturday he wrote two letters, one to his brother, George Rue, at Lexington, Illinois, and another to his brother-in-law, Ed Boyer of Bloomington, in which he made vague prophecies and while the text of the letters is not given it alarmed the two men to such an extent that George Rue joined Boyer in Bloomington and they came to Decatur, arriving Tuesday. It was late in the afternoon when they reached the house after a drive of four miles and no one could be aroused. The door when tried was found unlocked and a hurried search revealed no one there.

Will Trimmer, a neighbor, was enlisted in the search and the three men followed a line of footprints leading away from the house and into the timber.

Found Fragments of Body.

The trail was followed with difficulty and finally about half a quarter from the house one of the searchers picked up a fragment of a felt overshoe such as Rue was known to have worn constantly and then the party came upon a large hole blown in the earth and snow at the foot of a stump.

Darkness was coming on but a hasty search revealed pieces of clothing and fragments of flesh leaving practically no doubt that a frightful event had occurred.

Call Coroner.

A messenger was dispatched to the city and Coroner C. E. Dawson was notified and will go to the scene of the accident this morning and if sufficient remains can be found to establish that a man has been killed an inquest will be held.

The search was carried on last night and morning may result in the discovery of some larger remains which will make positive proof.

Fifty Pounds of Dynamite.

That Rue had dynamite in the house is known and last night there had not been time for a search for it. Trimmer had spoken to him recently about blowing out some stumps in the timber and Rue said that he had three sticks of dynamite at the house.

Since he has been in ill health Rue has spoken of dynamite as a sure and speedy way out of the world and last summer suggested to Trimmer that if a man put a few sticks of dynamite at the foot of a stump and leaning over touched them off he would probably never know what hit him. Trimmer agreed to this and Rue added that a man would have to be crazy to do such a thing.

At another time Rue spoke of fifty pounds of dynamite saying that would be enough to take a man clean out of the world.

It cannot be told how much he used but it must have been a considerable quantity.

Lived Alone.

That Rue was not missed is not wonderful as he lived alone at the house. A Mr. Crispin has been moving his things into the house expecting to take up his residence there. He was at the house Monday and not seeing Rue supposed that he was probably over at Trimmer's. Trimmer left some milk for Rue at the house Monday evening and he also noticed his absence but thought that Rue had gone back to Mt. Crispin's house to help him with an early load Tuesday morning. The arrival of the brothers with their alarming letters started the search which led to the hole in the timber and the scattered fragments that answered the questions of brothers and neighbors alike.

Since the dropsy came on him Rue has been compelled to wear in place of shoes a pair of rubber overshoes and the finding of a piece of one of these shoes is conclusive proof of the nature of the accident. According to the report of the messenger the stump did not have the appearance of being prepared for blasting, and a theory of accident had no support.

G. B. Rue had one brother, George Rue, of Lexington, and two sisters, Mrs. Ed Boyer of Bloomington and Mrs. Lou Webster of Monticello.

Held to Explosion Theory.

John Robinson of the Lyon Lumber company was one of the persons who maintained from the first that the heavy report heard over most of the town Monday morning was due to an explosion of dynamite. He compared the noise with that made by the charges of the same explosive which were used in blasting out the old tree stump in West Main street opposite the Millikin place. He said that the sound was characteristic and on Monday evening he discussed the matter with a reporter maintaining that an explosion had occurred and that if he had time to drive out northwest he could find the cause.

As the Herald intimated Tuesday morning the failure of any one outside of a comparatively small area to notice the report indicated that it was not an earthquake as many persons supposed. There was no quake in any case and the report was not an indication of the ordinary Illinois earthquake.

ENGLAND'S PROTOCOL IS IN

Bowen Has Accepted It And Now Waits on Germany And Italy.

ALL ARE WORKING TOGETHER.

Washington, Feb. 10—Great Britain's protocol has ben formally accepted by Bowen for Venezuela. The German and Italian conventions are still undergoing revision but assurances are given they eventually will be made to conform in all essential respects to the British. Bowen's formal note of acceptance has been cabled to London. It appears the insertion in the German protocol of a provision for advance payment of the original $340,000 demanded of Castro in the German ultimatum was the result of a misunderstanding on the part of the German foreign office. This is being cleared up.

The Italian ambassador's instructions are such that he can make little headway until he knows what is contained in the German protocol.

Bowen has done everything possible to conclude negotiations with dispatch in order that the blockade might be raised and he tonight expressed the belief he was receiving in this effort the sincere support of all negotiators. If a serious hitch shall occur at the eleventh hour Bowen is confident it will be through no fault of any one of the representatives of the allies here.

Ends Life With Chloroform

Chicago, Feb. 10—Dr. Gertrude M. Woodworth, well known in medical circles here committed suicide today by the use of chloroform. She was 65 years old, a widow, and despondency over the absence of her children together with ill health are supposed to have been cause for an action.

TO PROBE INSURANCE FRAUDS.

Many Bodies, Supposed to Have Been Used to Collect Policies, Will be Disinterred.

New York, Feb. 10—Between 10 and 12 bodies will be exhumed in Calvary cemetery the latter part of this week as a result of discoveries made today by Assistant District Attorney Krotel, who, for several weeks, has been investigating a series of swindles by a gang of Italians by which eight different insurance companies have been cheated out of large sums. It is now believed that the losses will aggregate $100,000.

Officers of the John Hancock Life Insurance company are convinced that they have paid at least 23 claims to the gang on substituted bodies and falsified death and burial certificates.

The Union Central Co. of Cincinnati knows of four bogus bodies it has paid claims on, and at least seven more which will possibly be connected with the gang.

The Metropolitan, the Tradesman's, the Provident Life, the Prudential, the New York Life and several other companies also have been victimized.

HAVE MEAGER REPORTS ABOUT SOCIETY ISLANDS

Know Nothing of the Reported Extensive Loss of Life.

Paris, Feb. 10—The governor of the French Dependencies of the South Pacific has cabled to the Colonial office that "a cyclone has devastated Tua-Motu group of islands," forming a dependency of the French possession of Tahiti, Society Islands. The governor adds that he is proceeding to the relief of the sufferers.

Despatches received here from the United States contain practically all the information furnished to the French officials and the public concerning the tidal wave disaster in Society Islands, though these have been supplemented by brief, official notifications to the colonial office. These advices, however, give no details of the loss of life.

The Patrie refers to the disaster as rivalling that of Martinique, but owing to the absence of direct advices the catastrophe in Society Islands is not yet exciting widespread attention here. An official of the colonial office today said:

"Owing to the remoteness of the islands reports from there are rarely received and we have little direct knowledge concerning the native islanders, as the government conducts their affairs through a governor who has extensive areas of islands under his control. There is no cable communication with the islands and official reports of casualties are not expected here for some time to come."

FORGING MORGAN'S NAME.

Bills Given in Payment for Bric-a-Brac are Returned.

London, Feb. 11—According to the Chronicle two bills for over $55,000 each purporting to have been given by J. P. Morgan in payment of pictures and bric-a-brac sent to New York for collection have been returned with the intimation the signatures were forged. It is reported many more such bills have been circulated in the London market. The origin of forgeries has not been discovered.

TRAP SHOOTERS.

Break Targets at Detroit—Crosby Wins A Championship.

Detroit, Mich. Feb. 10—At the annual shoot of the sportmen's show today the target championship was won by Crosby smashing 44 out of a possible 50 targets. Elliott was second with 43 Money was third, with 42. Fred Gilbert, the world's champion at live birds smashed only 38. High gun honors today went to Watson of Pittsburg, who scored 148 out of a possible 170; Crosby, 146; Gilbert, 142.

Rich Find of Iron Ore.

Sault Ste Marie, Feb. 10—News of the discovery of one of the richest iron ore finds in the Dominion was made public today. The discovery was made some time ago but kept secret until the title to the property, 1126 acres in all was secured. The ore is said to be of phenomenal richness and purity. The find is about three miles from Wilde station, and thirty miles from the Canadian Soo.

Cause Consternation.

London, Feb. 10—The News understands the government has decided to ignore the principal suggestion of the recent Irish landlord and tenant's conference and will frame a measure mainly on the lines of previous Irish land purchase bills. If this is carried out, it will cause consternation in Ireland.

Alexander Testifies.

Indianapolis, Feb. 10—Evidence in the trial of Dr. Alexander, in connection with the grave robberies, was concluded today. The arguments commence tomorrow and the case may go to the jury Thursday. Alexander was a witness in his own behalf today, denying the allegations of Cantrell and explaining his duties and connection with the college.

Advances Wages.

Pittsburg, Feb. 10—The Pittsburg railway company operating traction lines in this city has voluntarily advanced the wages of three thousand motormen and conductors one cent an hour. The advance gives the men who have been in the employ of the company three years 24 cents an hour.

Favor Elkin's Bill.

Washington, Feb. 10—The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce today announced a favorable report on Elkins' rebate bill with certain amendments.

Retail Hardware Men.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 10—The Fifth annual convention of the Illinois Retail Hardware Dealers' Association met here today. Papers on trade topics were read and discussed.

BY THE PEOPLE

ILLINOIS SENATE DECLARES FOR ELECTION OF U. S. SENATORS BY DIRECT VOTE.

AGAINST WAGE ASSIGNMENT

Trust Bill Providing Severe Penalties is Introduced in the House—The State Legislature.

Springfield, Feb. 10—The senate today 43 to 1, adopted a joint resolution in favor of electing United States senators by a direct vote.

Senator Campbell introduced a bill preventing the assignment of earned or unearned wages, unless written notice, together with a copy of such assignment has been given within ten days after making the same to a person, firm or corporation from which such wages or salary are due, and unless also such person, firm or corporation shall within the said ten days after consent in writing to such assignment.

A bill was introduced in the house permitting women to vote for presidential electors and all but constitutional officers.

A bill was introduced in the house today which after defining at length what in the eyes of the law constitutes a trust, provides that any combination or company violating the law "shall be prohibited from doing business of any kind whatever in this state." In case of a company organized under the laws of the state, the attorney general is required to bring a suit for forfeiture of charter. Any person or company injured by the workings of a trust "may resort to injunction proceedings and may bring a suit for damages."

The penalties are: Fines of $2000 to $5000 and penitentiary not exceeding a year, or both fine and imprisonment.

DIDN'T TRY SUICIDE.

Health of the Crown Princess is Generally Good.

Nyon, Switzerland, Feb. 10—A report that the former Crown Princess of Saxony has attempted to commit suicide is untrue. Her health is as good as possible, considering her delicate condition and the grief caused her by recent events.

Penitent

Munich, Feb. 10—Former Crown Princess of Saxony, has written to an intimate friend, a member of the Bavarian royal family, bitterly complaining of the irreconcilable spirit shown by her own and her husband's family. The princess is reported as saying in her letter that she dismissed Giron definitely and went to Nyon Sanitarium of her own accord. She now deeply resents her flight and declares she is unable to long endure the condition of a prisoner.

TO BRING UP PANAMA TREATY

Senator Cullom to Get It Before an Executive Session at the First Opportunity.

BLOCKED BY STATEHOOD BILL.

Washington, Feb. 10—Senator Cullom, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations, said today he had decided to consider any of the pending treaties that can be secured, for the reason that the option of the United States on the franchises and other canal property of the French Panama canal company expires the 4th of March and because of the announced determination of Senator Morgan to talk at length on the treaty, Mr. Cullom said he will move an executive session to take up the treaties as soon as the consent of the advocates of the statehood bill can be obtained.

They are still in a position to prevent executive sessions of any length which would prevent discussion of the statehood bill.

The senate committee on finance today decided to report favorably the nomination of Robert B. Armstrong to be assistant secretary of the treasury.

The republican senatorial advocates of the compromise statehood bill have prepared a measure for the admission of two stats, Oklahoma and Indian Territory, comprising one state, and Arizona and New Mexico as the other. They will bring it before the committee at the first opportunity.

Her Second Trial.

Winterset, Ia., Feb. 10—The second trial of Mrs. Margaret Hossacks aged over 60 charged with having split her husband's head open with an ax after a quarrel over the division of his estate began here today. The woman alleges her husband was murdered by robbers.

Car Shop Fire.

Pittsburg, Feb. 10—Fire caused by an explosion of an automatic burner in the Pennsylvania railway shops at Pitcairn today destroyed the passenger car repairs section and cabinet ship, entailing a loss of $15,000. Over one hundred men at work barely escaped with their lives.

Sunk in Collision.

London, Feb. 10—The steamer Watchful, of Liverpool, today sank the steamer, Arthur of Cardiff, in a collision off Barry. Most of the crew of the Arthur were asleep at the time of the accident but eight men were saved and five others were lost.

MADIANA IS LOST

EXCURSION STEAMER GOES ON THE CORAL REEFS IN THE CARRIBEAN SEA.

NO LIFE WAS SACRIFICED

But the Passengers And Crew Had a Thrilling Experience Before Being Rescued.

Hamilton, Bermude, Feb. 10.—The Quebec Steamship Company's steamer Madiana, Captain Fraser, which sailed from New York last Saturday with a party of excursionists for a cruise around the Carribean Islands, went ashore on a reef off of this island at 3 o'clock this morning. The passengers had a thrilling experience.

Total Loss.

The steamship is a total loss, but all on board were rescued and brought safely to the land after a perilous trip in life boats from the wreck to a tug standing a mile off. The mail and passenger baggage was also saved.

The Madiana was threading her way in through the narrow channel between the coral reefs when she struck, one and a half miles northeast of North Rock. No explicit explanation is get forthcoming as to how the vessel went on the rocks. The only information obtainable from the officers is the light which indicates the channel could not be seen.

The passengers were asleep when the Madiana struck the rock, but the shock awakened them and they rushed to the deck, the majority without attempting to dress. There was no panic among the passengers and what excitement prevailed was soon quieted by the officers.

Night of Terror.

Signals of distress were sent up and the passengers passed an anxious time during the latter part of the night. The Madiana listed heavily and when morning broke lay broadside to the wind. The passengers were huddled together on the hurricane deck and the sea breaking over the steamer drenched them to the skin.

As soon as the news of the wreck become known here the government and other tugs proceeded to the scene. A heavy sea prevented an approach and it was not until 11 o'clock that the rescue was effected. The first boat launched by the Madiana was dashed to pieces. Later the launching was more successful and some of the passengers were taken to the Tug Gladisfen, a mile away. The other life boats were launched and the passengers and crew safely reached the tug. The mails and passengers' baggage were rescued later. All landed this afternoon.

SENATOR MASON'S BILL

Provides Bounty for All Who Enlisted In Two Year Regiments.

Washington, Feb. 10—Senator Mason today introduced a bill providing for the payment of a bounty of $150, to all soldiers of two year regiments who enlisted prior to July 22, 1861.

Senator Blackburn introduced an amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill making an appropriation of $200,000 "in full satisfaction of all claims or pretended claims," of ex-Queen Lilluokalani of Hawaii.

A bill was introduced today by Senator Burton, which provides that henceforth $12 shall be the minimum pension allowed. It provides for an increase to that amount of all pensions now below that figure.

LIVE STOCK STATISTICS.

Showing Value of Farm Animals As Compared to Former Year.

Washington, Feb. 10—The statistician of the department of agriculture has completed an estimate of the number and value of farm animals in the United States on January 1, 1903. The totals for the country are shown in the following:

Horses, year of 1903, number, 16,557,373, value, $1,030,705,959; in 1902 number 16,533,224, value, $968,955,178.

Mules, year 1903, number 2,728,224, value, $197,753,327; in 1902, number, 2,757,017; value, $186,411,704.

Milch cows, 1903, number, 17,195,227; value, $516,711,914; in 1902, number, 16,696,802; value $488,130,324.

Other cattle, 1903, number, 44,659,206; value $824,054,902; in 1902, number, 44,727,797; value $839,126,073.

Sheep, 1903, number, 63,964,676; value, $168,315,759; in 1902, number, 62,039,091; value $164,446,901.

Swine, 1903, number, 46,922,624; value $364,973,688; in 1902, number, 43,698,890; value, $342,120,789.

Steamship Arrivals.

Madeira, Feb. 10—Auguste Victoria, New York for Malaga, Genoa, etc.

Antwerp—Kroonland, from New York via Southampton.

New York—Finland, from Antwerp.

Liverpool—Arrived—Rhynland, from Philadelphia.

National Union Veterans.

Springfield, O., Feb. 10—Thirty-four states were represented at a meeting of the National Union Veterans today. Resolutions were adopted declaring the convention in favor of the original principles of the organization, allowing only veterans of six months service and one battle to become members. The delegates claimed to represent four-fifths of the organization. These officers were elected:

General, F. B. Hutchinson, Rochester, N. Y.; Commander-in-chief, W. H. Keepers, Portsmouth, N. H.; H. B. Pierce, Moline, Ill. deputy; Chaplain in-chief, H. A. Weaver, Topeka, Kas.; Sergeant-in-chief, J. W. Berry, of Springfield, O.

SWEDES FACE STARVATION CALL ON KANSAS FOR AID

One Million Dollars Is Necessary for Relief.

Lindsborg, Kas. Feb. 10—Rev. C. R. Swenson, president of Bethany college, today received a cablegram from the United States legation at Stockholm, Sweden, urging his assistance in the collection of funds for the famine sufferers in northern Sweden, suggesting that a ship load of grain and provisions be sent. The cablegram says:

"At least one million dollars is necessary to avert starvation until the next harvest. I have just returned after a fortnight's traveling in the stricken district. My heart aches at the sight of suffering witnessed. Drafts should be made payable to Landshofding Bergstrom, Luela, Sweden."

Dr. Swenson has had a conference with Governor Bailey and the latter will take official action soon.

CUBANS WILL ISSUE BONDS

To Boom Agriculture And Pay Soldiers of the Revolution.

Havana, Feb. 10—The joint committee of the senate and house have reported in favor of issuing thirty millions, five per cent bonds. Four million are to be expended in agriculture and the balance will pay soldiers of the revolution. The loan is guaranteed by stamp taxes.

The senate committee's report in favor of reciprocity was ordered printed. No amendments are offered by the committee.

HENDERSON IS EMPHATIC

In His Denials of False Reports Concerning His Attitude on Trust Legislation.

IN HARMONY WITH PROGRAM.

Washington, Feb. 10—The Post tomorrow will publish an interview with Speaker Henderson with respect to the reports connecting the speaker's name with efforts to thwart anti-trust legislation and with having endeavored to enact a substitute for the Nelson publicity section of the department of commerce bill. Reports also said Henderson would become an attorney for the Standard Oil companies after March. The speaker emphatically denied the reports and said he does not know now nor has he ever known any Standard Oil official, and the only relations he ever had with any one identified with the Standard Oil company was some years ago when he unsuccessfully sought from Rockefeller a favor for the upper Iowa University, Henderson's Alma Mater. Later he secured a library for the university from Andrew Carnegie. Henderson denies all knowledge of the Standard Oil amendment to the department of commerce bill.

Regarding his alleged opposition to anti-trust legislation, Henderson said:

"There has been a lot of lying about that matter. I have all along been in favor of anti-trust legislation. I got through the house a long time ago amendments to the Sherman law, which have never been completed and enacted into legislation.

"Early this session, I started out to urge legislation against trusts. It was at my suggestion, after a conference with Jenkins, chairman of the judiciary committee that a special sub-committee was appointed, a sub-committee of earnest, sincere and competent men, to frame an anti-trust bill. They entered upon their work and from that day, I was in frequent consultation with the members of that sub-committee as to the progress they were making. I talked often with Overstreet, Jenkins, Littlefield and others of the judiciary committee as to what was being done."

The speaker declared himself in accord with the administration's anti-trust program, and said he had often been in consultation with the president on these matters. Monday he discussed with the president a conference on the department of commerce bill, which had just been accepted by the house.

Bottlers Meet.

Chicago, Feb. 10—Today's session of the Illinois State Bottlers' Association was devoted to reports of officers and the appointment of committees. Before adjournment similar organizations will be formed in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Rob Postoffice.

Farmersville, Ill., Feb. 10—The safe of the postoffice here was blown up by robbers early today. The robbers secured a small amount of money and escaped.

Broke Jail.

Jacksonville, Ill., Feb. 10—Three men and one woman escaped from the Morgan county jail tonight by overpowering the turnkey, who was knocked senseless.

Off Honduras.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 10—All of the warships in Admiral Glass's squadron started for Honduras today.

Weather Forecast.

Washington, Feb. 10—Illinois—Rain Wednesday; Thursday probably fair, fresh to brisk south winds shifting to west.

Local Weather.

The following is a record of the temperature for 24 hours ending Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at reported by Professor J. H. Coonradt, government observer:

7 a. m. .....33 Highest 49
Noon ....45 Lowest 32
7 p. m. ....41.

WASTE OF TIME IN THE SENATE

MR. MORGAN CHARGES THE STATEHOOD BILL IS PEACEFUL POLITICAL BLOCKADE

CANNON GIVES ASSURANCE

That Bill to Pension Ex-Slaves Will Not Pass—Providing for a Big Office Building.

Washington, Feb. 10—The statehood bill was again up in the senate today, and Mr. Morgan of Alabama, spoke on it for some time. In the course of his remarks he referred to the bills regarding trusts, which he said had been kept back and will be kept back until it is too late for discussion regarding them. The time of the senate was being wasted on account of what he termed "a peaceful political blockade," on the statehood bill, when more important measures were awaiting action.

Mr. Hanna presented the conference report on the department of commerce bill a final vote on it being deferred until tomorrow in order that it might be printed. The conference report on the general staff bill was agreed to. A number of other bills were passed.

At 5:25 p. m., the senate adjourned after brief executive session.

THE HOUSE.

The house today adopted the conference report on the department of commerce bill by a vote of 215 to 10. One republican, (Littlefield) and nine democrats voted against this action. Several democrats took the position that the "Nelson amendment" to the bureau of corporation was a weak and ineffectual attempt to provide machinery for corporation publicity.

Mr. Mann, of Illinois, on behalf of republicans, contended, on the contrary, that it was a better measure of publicity than had been presented in any other bill.

The remainder of the day was devoted to the sundry civil appropriation bill. Mr. Cannon, chairman of the appropriation committee, gave notice that at the proper time he would move two amendments, one to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a three story 100-room office building for members, to be connected with the capitol by a sub way and to cost $3,800,000 and another appropriation of $2,500,000 to carry out original plans for beautifying and enlarging the main wing of the capitol.

A notable feature of the general debate on the bill was the speech by Mr. DeArmond of Missouri, on the Hanna bill to pension ex-slaves. He spoke in a sarcastic vein, but the subject assumed a serious phase when Mr. Richardson, of Tennessee, said that adventurers in the south were using the bill to impose on the ignorant, credulous negroes and called on Mr. Cannon to give assurance the passage of such a measure was not contemplated. This assurance Cannon gave.

MINER'S UNION GETS SCORING

Attorney Lenahan Insists That Non-Unionists Have Right to Work as They Please.

SOCIALISTIC THEORIES BLAMED.

Philadelphia, Feb. 10—The United Mine Workers of America as an organization was severely scored today by counsel before the commission. Non-union men through their attorney, John T. Lenahan, presented their side of the controversy, and demanded consideration at the hands of the commission, claiming a legal right to earn a livelihood in any manner they might elect without the consent or dictation of the union. During his presentation of the case Lenahan denounced the union as a fomenter of crime and anarchy. The main feature of his argument was the claim that the union had no legal or moral right to coerce the miners into membership or to arrogate to itself authority to fix the wages of miners.

Jas. Torrey, counsel for the Delaware and Hudson company, claimed the question of recognition of the union was not an issue before the commission, but he devoted considerable time to consideration of that demand. He asserted that violence and intimidation were agencies selected for the promotion of the purposes of the mine workers.

Regarding the demand for an eight hour working day Torrey said the evidence showed that for various reasons the breakers did not average more than eight hours a day, so that the physical effects of long hours were not felt.

Major Everett Warren, counsel for the Hillside Coal and Iron company and Pennsylvania coal company, answered the demands of the miners in detail and declared the socialistic theories of the union, or some of its leaders, to be responsible for the unreasonable claims.

Anarchist Goes For Life.

Brussels, Feb. 10—Gennaro Rubino, the Italian anarchist was today found guilty of attempting to assassinate King Leopold, Nov. 15 and sentenced to imprisonment for life at penal servitude.

INTO THE MINES

Carlinville Minister Will Take Place With Underground Workers to Study Conditions.

PEORIA SPORTS FORCED TO QUIT

Jacksonville Ministers Take Hand In the Fight For Mayor.

Carlinville, Feb. 10.—Rev. O. E. Moffet, pastor of the Baptist church of this city, has undertaken a novel venture in order to study the lives of miners. He has secured employment from the Carlinville Coal company and will work for three weeks in the mines. He will go down in the shaft every morning with his pick and shovel and dinner bucket and hopes in this manner to gain an insight into miners' modes of work and learn their religious views. He believes the information gathered will better prepare him for preaching the gospel.

Rev. Mr. Moffet owns a handsome residence here which he recently purchased. He is a brother of a prominent Waverly banker.

GAMBLING DENS MUST CLOSE.

Joint Keepers in Peoria Do Not Run That City.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 10.—The various gambling dens have been notified by the police department that they must cease business. A week ago quite a number of members of the gambling fraternity were yanked before Justice Sucher in the police court, where they were called upon to pay a fine of $100 and costs. Most of them paid up and looked as pleasant as possible to do under the circumstances.

Even this fine did not cause them to cease doing business, and Saturday afternoon they were notified that they must close and remain closed. As a result a number of members of the fraternity are out of a job just now.

MINISTERS IN POLITICS.

Will Take a Hand in Jacksonville to Force Sunday Closing.

Jacksonville, Ill., Feb. 10.—The ministers of the city were in session all day today examining candidates for the nomination of mayor. Several candidates were examined as to their views on the enforcement of the Sunday closing ordinance.

The primaries this spring will be the most bitterly fought in many years. Many candidates are in the field, and the ministers of the city promise to take an active part in the contest. The election will turn on an enforcement of the Sunday closing law. Several leading business men have announced their intention to run for aldermen.

POWER FOR CHARITIES BOARD.

Bill to Be Introduced in Legislature to Make Radical Innovations.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 10.—The state board of charities today submitted to Governor Yates a draft of a bill that will be introduced soon, which makes the board a board of control; fixes the compensation of the members at $2,500 a year and enlarges their powers, and curtails the powers of the local boards of trustees. It does not abolish the latter.

It is understood that the bill meets with the approval of Governor Yates. The bill provides that the state board of charities shall, with approval of the governor, fix all the salaries of the officers and employes of the various institutions, which shall be uniform for like service, and shall determine the number to be employed in each institution.

It also gives the board authority and supervision over the purchase of supplies and the letting of all contracts. The bill also authorizes the state board to require the superintendent to submit estimates of all articles purchased, or the expenses to be incurred.

Date of State Shoot.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 10.—President A. C. Conners of Pekin of the Illinois Sportsmen's association, has announced that the state shoot will be held April 21, 22, 23 and 24, and that it will take place in Pekin, if the necessary arrangements can be made for the grounds.

PEORIA MINISTERS

Give Endorsement to Clerks' Bill For Sunday Closing.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 10.—At their meeting held today the Peoria Ministerial association discussed the retail clerks' bill providing for the closing of all places of business except restaurants, cigar stores and drug stores on Sundays and unanimously decided on its endorsement. Rev. Dr. Crews of the First Methodist church and Rev. John Faville, pastor of the First Congregational church, were named as a committee to prepare a memorial to the Peoria county members of the legislature urging them to work for the passage of the bill.

Head of Asylum Critically Ill.

Lincoln, Ill., Feb. 10—Dr. S. H. McLean, superintendent of the state asylum for feeble minded children in this city, is critically ill. For several months he has been a sufferer with nervous prostration.

NOHE HAS REVENUE LAW.

Three Amendments to Law to Be Introduced This Week.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 10.—Representative Nohe has in preparation three amendments to the revenue law, which will be introduced in the assembly this week and referred to the committee on revenue. The most important of these is a measure to require corporations organized in other states to pay a capital stock tax on the proportion of their capital represented by their business in this state. The bill is similar to one which Mr. Nohe introduced at the special revenue session of 1895. The bill passed the house, but died in the senate.

A bill which will be introduced tomorrow takes newspapers and publishing companies out of the list of corporations which are not required to list their capital stock to the state board of equalization for assessment.

The third bill will require telegraph and telephone companies, when making their schedules, to list the number and size of their poles, the number and length of their wires and a statement of the first cost of their equipment.

FREE TEXT BOOKS FAVORED.

Representative Burgett Prepares Bill Covering the Subject.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 10.—Representative Burgett is preparing a bill providing free text books in the public schools of the state. The bill will create a commission consisting of the state superintendent, the principals of the state normal schools, and three women educators, to be selected by the other members of the commission.

The commission will be empowered to designate the books to be used throughout the state and there must be uniformity of books in each congressional district. Different systems may be used in different districts, but no locality can adopt a system which varies from that in force in the other localities within the boundaries of the district.

Under the proposed plan each school district is to pay for the books provided by the commission, but the bill will fix a maximum price for all publications and no more than this amount shall be paid. To provide the funds for the books the levy for school purposes will be increased one-half of 1 per cent.

TO BUY SPRINGFIELD PLANTS.

Eastern Capitalists Close Deal For Purchase of Public Utilities.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 10.—A syndicate of eastern capitalists has closed a deal for taking over the public utilities of Springfield, the Consolidated Railway company, the Gas and Electric Light companies, and the Hot Water Heating company. Options on the properties expire March 5. The new company will issue $3,000,000 of 5 per cent. bonds and $3,000,000 of stock. It will be named the Springfield Railway and Light company. The negotiations have been made by King, Hodenpyl & Co. of Chicago and E. W. Clarke & Co., of Louisville.

High Priced Land.

Clinton, Ill., Feb. 10.—J. M. Green purchased an 80-acre tract one-half mile north of town known as the Cisco farm, Saturday. The land is without improvement, yet sold for $123 per acre. This land sold two years ago for $100 per acre.

AN OUTLINE OF PROGRAM

Of the Illinois State Institute at Bloomington February 24, 25, and 26th.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS ENGAGED

The Eighth annual meeting of the Illinois Farmers' State Institute will be held at Bloomington February 24, 25 and 26th.

The program opens on Wednesday at 9 a. m. The more important subjects and the speakers for the entire session follow:

"Standard Varieties of Corn, History and Description," A. D. Shamel, Washington, D. C.

"The Orchard," Prof. J. C. Blair, University of Illinois.

"Market Classes and Grades of Cattle," Prof. Herbert W. Mumford, University of Illinois.

"The Work of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.," Hon. James Wilson, secretary of agriculture.

"The Relation of the Landlord to the Tenant," Henry Wallace, Des Moines, Iowa.

"The Work of the Experiment Station and the College of Agriculture," Dean Eugene Davenport, Urbana.

"Corn Cultivation," A. D. Shamel, Washington, D. C.

"Small Fruits and Vegetables," Prof. J. C. Blair, University of Illinois.

"Dairy Cattle," Prof. W. J. Fraser, University of Illinois.

"Field Work in Dairy Investigations," A. J. Glover, Elgin.

"Testing Milk Demonstration," Prof. Oscar Erf, University of Illinois.

"Some Results of Experiments to Increase the Productive Capacity of Different Types of Illinois Soil," Prof. C. G. Hopkins, University of Illinois.

"Live Stock and Fertility," Prof. Charles E. Thorne, director Ohio Experiment station.

"Feeds and Feeding," Prof. H. M. Mumford, University of Illinois.

"Horticulture," Prof. U. P. Hedrick, University of Michigan.

"Teaching Agriculture in the Public Schools," Frank H. Hall, Aurora.

"Corn Improvement, the Value of Good Seed and the Means of Procuring it," A. D. Shamel.

"Ornamental Trees and Shrubs and How to Arrange Them in Public and Private Grounds," Prof. J. C. Blair.

"Market Classes and Grades of Cattle," Prof. H. M. Mumford.

"Breeding Corn for Special Purposes," Prof. P. G. Holden, Iowa Agricultural college.

"Cultivation and Uses of Grasses and Forage Plants," Prof. M. B. Mumford, Missouri Agricultural college.

Domestic Science Section.

"How Shall Girls be Given the Help They Need to Become Good Home Makers," Mrs. Nellie Kedzie Jones, Berea, Ky.

"Home Making," Mrs. Ada F. Howie, Elm Grove, Wis.

"Family Food, Balanced Rations for People," Mrs. Nellie Kedzie Jones, Berea, Ky.

"What Should Mothers Ask for in the School Training of Their Children," Mrs. Nellie Kedzie Jones, Berea, Ky.

"Domestic Science in the Schools of Illinois," Joseph Carter, Champaign.

"How to Put Domestic Science in Schools," Alfred Bayliss.

"The Training of Teachers in Domestic Science," Prof. David Felmly.

Births.

Bowman—To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bowman, of Oakley February 9, a daughter. Mrs. Bowman is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Clark of northeast of Decatur.

Dayton—To Mr. and Mrs. James Dayton, 1024 West Macon street, February 10, a son.

SCAGLIOLA HERE

Material for the Interior Decoration of the New Library Building Has Arrived.

IS AN INGENIOUS COMPOSITION.

Has All Appearances of Being Rich Numidian Marble.

The much talked of scagliola work for the decoration of the new Carnegie Library building arrived yesterday accompanied by Mr. H. Paolinelli, manager of the Eastman & Johnstone Mfg. Co. of St. Louis. Mr. Paolinelli will put up the work of the fountain panel in the vestibule and will also make the bases of the pillars on the first floor. The bases for the pilasters were made in St. Louis and were shipped here in cases ready to put up.

Few persons know what the scagliola really is. It is a composition made to imitate the more costly kinds of marble and other ornamental stones, and so successfully is it done that it is often difficult to distinguish between the artificial and the real stone. It consists of finely ground plaster of Paris mixed with a thin solution of fine glue and colored with any of the earthy colors and sometimes chemical colors. This is spread over the surface intended to represent marble; and while it is still soft pieces of fibrous gypsum, marble, alabaster and other soft ornamental stones are pressed into it and made level with the surface. When the composition is set hard, it is rubbed down and polished, taking a very fine gloss. The work is only adapted for interiors as the scagliola will not bear exposure to damp for any length of time; but its lightness, and the extreme ease with which it may be applied to walls, pillars, pilasters and even cornices render it very useful in the decoration of the better class of dwellings and public buildings.

The scagliola used at the library will represent the very valuable, red Numidian marble and the finished pieces show a beautiful color and texture.

CROY'S IDEA

About Making a Sod Road for Mail Carriers.

S. L. Croy who carries mail on rural route No. 2 out of Decatur has an idea about making roads which would serve for mail carriers at least under such conditions as exist at present, when many of the country roads are impassable.

Croy says that on his route there is one place where for two miles alongside the road there is a strip of sod twelve feet wide. That two miles, by driving on the sod, he can cover with his mail wagon, in ten minutes. The next two miles following is a black mud road and one and one-half hours are consumed in getting over that distance.

Croy's theory is that the government should decree that there should be a strip of sod ground at least twelve feet wide along the public highway. It should be for the use of the rural carriers, and for them only when other roads are impassable. The light wagon of the carriers would not cut up the sod and being reserved for wet weather the grass would not be killed by the travel.

SETTLED IN COURT.

Wire Fined $5 and Brown Got Off on Strong Plea.

Will Wire, who was mixed up in the disturbance which occurred Monday night was fined $5 and costs by Justice McCoy Tuesday on a charge of disorderly conduct preferred by the police. Wire had been pretty severely punished physically in addition to the fine and had a bad example of the black eye.

Ed Brown, the street car man, who was mixed in the fracas got off on a strong plea made by Superintendent Ambuhl. Brown seems to be a "Jonah Man." He is the man who was assaulted in the west part of town about a month ago and had a big gash cut in his scalp. He said that his assailant at that time had no occasion to make such an attack but nothing was ever done in the matter.

COMMITTEES INSPECTING

Will Have a Big Job Soon in Going Over Official's Books.

Last evening the finance committee of the board of supervisors finished the work of making an examination of certain records in the offices of the county clerk and the county treasurer.

On Thursday the fees and salary committee will meet in Decatur and begin the work of investigating the accounts of all of the officials as they do at the end of every six months. This sitting will include however, the annual review for the year ending December 1. It will include a four years' review on the books of J. M. Dodd, who recently began a new term as county clerk, the same in the sheriff's office where G. W. Lehman recently retired and in the county treasurer's office where Joseph Miller closed four years of official life. The work of the fees and salary committee will probably extend over the better part of several weeks.

American Duchess's Future Home.

The future town house of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough—which is a little present from the duchess's father, will cost, including fittings, but not furniture, $2,500,000. After the title of the duke's eldest son, it will be named Blandford House.

It is situated in Curzon street, opposite Wharncliffe House, belonging to Lord Crewe, and makes the latter old-fashioned two-story look like a gate lodge.

The house, which is rectangular in shape, is 100 feet long by sixty-five feet broad, has five floors, 100 windows, fifty rooms and a ballroom-picture gallery ninety feet long. The hall and grand staircase will be marble, ground floor tiled; panels of carved wood predominant.

Sculpture will be the great feature of decoration, many niches being left inside for the reception of statues. It need scarcely be added that all modern appointments in lifts, billiard rooms and self-contained bed-bath rooms will be there.

The work has already been in progress two years, but in spite of the duchess's hopes for next season, the house will not be ready before October, although there are 150 workmen employed, including a small batch of French stone and wood carvers.

A large sum of money has been spent in ancient light compensation, under that curious old law by which, when property is torn down to make room for new, the owners of adjoining property may immediately claim damages if the new building obscures any light of their windows, no matter obscured by the old building. In the case of the Marlborough mansion, one proprietor alone received as much as $1,500 in ancient light compensation.—London Letter in Philadelphia Press.

PICTURES APPORTIONED.

Those Lately Received By Art League Given Different Schools.

The pictures received by the Art League last Saturday have been apportioned to the public schools as follows:

"Song of the Lark" (Breton) (two). The one in colors will go to the Wood street school and the other will be hung in the Church street school.

"Reading From Homer," Pugh school.

"Horses of Achilles," Warren street school.

"Courtship of Miles Standish," (two), H. B. Durfee and Oakland.

"Aurora," in colors, given by Mrs. Harry Crea, Marietta street school.

"Ville de Avray," given by Mrs. Shultz, Marietta street school.

"I Hear a Voice," (two). Sangamon and Oakland.

"Departure of the Mayflower," Jackson.

"Sheepfold," Oakland.

"Shepherdess," Jackson.

THE MASUR DIPHTHERIA CASE

His Statement Works an Injustice and is Not According to Facts.

Several days ago a diphtheria card was ordered placed on the residence of H. Masur, on East Wood street, the physician attending diagnosing the case of Mrs. Masur as being that disease. In last evening's paper Mr Masur made a statement that the card had been ordered there for spite and that two members of the board of health had ordered it removed. The card in reality has been taken down. The facts in the case, however, are these.

Mr. Masur, who conducts a small installment house complained that his business was being ruined. He appealed to a member of the board of health, who agreed to go in his private capacity as a physician and examine the case, providing the former physician was notified and this was done. The examination did not reveal any trace of diphtheria at the time, but the member of the board of health does not pretend to say that it did not exist when the first examination was made and the card ordered up. About that he is not in a position to state. What he found was a severe case of tonsilitis and for that reason the removal of the card was permitted. The member of the board says that he was the only one of that organization to look into the matter and that the statement made by Mr. Masur is an injustice to all concerned.

AN OLD RESIDENT DEAD.

Miss Nannie McDonald of Blue Mound Aged 81 Years Dies of Paralysis.

At the home of Mrs. Sylvira M. Baker at 404 West Decatur street on Tuesday night, February 10, occurred the death of Miss Nannie McDonald of Blue Mound, aged 81 years.

Miss McDonald came to Decatur several weeks ago to visit Mrs. Baker and was stricken with partial paralysis two weeks ago last Friday. In spite of the fact that she was given very possible care she grew gradually weaker until death came last night.

Miss McDonald was a native of Pennsylvania, but had lived many years in Macon county. She made her home with her niece, Mrs. Joan B. Beckett of Blue Mound and Mrs. Beckett and Mrs. C. F. Tobey of Westfield, also a niece, were with her during her illness and gave her every attention.

The hour of the funeral has not yet been determined.

Deeds Recorded.

Bertram F. Ritter to W. Frank Godwin the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of 33, 16, 4 east.—$4000.

Jacob Swartz to M. L. Croninger, the east half of the southeast quarter of 4, 17, 4 east.—$600.

H. C. Stultz to Emma G. Troy, lots 7 and 8 in block 5 in Smith & Co.'s addition to Decatur.—$1.

H. C. Stultz eo Bertha F. Stultz lot 24 in block 4 in Higgin's addition to Decatur.—$1.

Citizen's National Bank of Decatur to J. G. Shea a lot 88x64 feet at the corner of Water and Cerro Gordo streets.—$12,000.

Joseph M. Brownback to Bertram F. Ritter the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of 35, also lot 2 in assessor's sub division of the east half of the northwest quarter of 35; also a tract south of the rail road; 95.21 acres in all—$9500.

BURGLARS AT MACON.

Rob Two Stores of Knives and Guns—Tramps are Accused.

Tuesday morning the police department was informed by telephone that two stores at Macon had been entered by burglars on Monday night.

At the store of Draper & Webb fifty pocket knives and six razors were taken. About two dollars in small change was also missed.

The store of Brooks Bros. was also entered and two hammerless 12 guage shot guns and fifteen or twenty pocket knives were taken.

The word from Macon was to the effect that there was no clue to be offered but the suspicion there was that tramps had done the work.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 10—Nathaniel Miller, a counterfeiter, captured near Canton a few days ago, pleaded guilty today and was sentenced to the penitentiary for three years.

NOW IS THE TIME OF SEASON WHEN AN EXTRA PAIR OF TROUSERS MAKE A WONDERFUL IMPROVEMENT IN A MAN'S DRESS.

TROUSER SALE

LARGEST VARIETY IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS...

Best Values!

Lowest Prices!

Cheap Charley,

Reliable Clothing.

EXHIBITION RUN

Entire Department Answered A Fire Alarm—Only a Bucket of Water Was Needed.

A WINDOW CURTAIN BURNED.

Department Had an Afternoon Call of the Same Kind.

The entire fire department answered an alarm last night about 9:15 when the telephone announced that the St. James hotel on South Main street was on fire.

It was the first time that the crew from the new house on North Main street has been called out. Both of the engines and all of the other apparatus crossed Lincoln Square and crowded into Main street. The streets which had been deserted a moment before, on account of the rain, filled with people for a fire in that neighborhood seemed to promise something in the way of excitement.

The fire was in Thayer's barber shop in the north end of the block occupied by the St. James hotel. A curtain about one of the rear windows was on fire. Persons in the St. Nicholas hotel, looking across the narrow court saw the flames about the window and telephone the department saying the neighboring hotel was on fire.

Chief Devore was among the first to arrive and broke open the barber shop door, tore down the curtain, and with a bucket of water extinguished what little fire had started on the woodwork.

The origin of the fire is not explained. A small stove between three and four feet from the curtain containd only a few live coals and the possibility of fire in the curtain having been caused by that stove seemed remote.

The damage amounted only to the value of the curtain and the loss of the paint about the window.

Fire in a Closet.

About 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon the department was called to the home of Mrs. Mary A. Lee at 529 East William street by an alarm of fire.

A fire had been discovered in a closet beneath a stairway. A family bucket brigade fought the fire until the firemen arrived and then it was easy. A silk dress, plush cloak and a number of articles of wearing apparel were destroyed but there was practically no damage to the house. A child playing with matches is supposed to be the cause of the fire.

WAR REPORT UNCONFIRMED

Panama Has Not Heard of Hostilities In Honduras.

Panama, Feb. 10—No confirmation has been received here regarding the reported declaration of war by Guatemala against Salvador and Honduras. It is well known that Guatemala openly sympathizes with the president-elect of Honduras, Bonilla, but it is believed the present critical situation in Guatemala will not allow the government to render Bonilla any substantial aid. Salvador and Nicagargua are protecting their respective countries. War preparations are reported proceeding in Guatemala, where a strict censorship has been established over outgoing cablegrams.

Two Groups Escaped.

Auckland, N. Z., Feb. 10—Neither Friendly Islands nor Cook Island experienced any effects from the tidal waves which are reported to have caused a heavy loss of life in Society Islands January 31.

SEVEN INDICTMENTS

Have Been Returned Against Schwab At Taylorville.

William Schwab, ex-rural mail carrier of Taylorville, didn't appreciate the opportunity given him by the Christian county authorities to escape a penitentiary sentence, and as a result is now confined in the county jail and will have to face seven indictments charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses.

Schwab was arrested at Decatur Saturday after he had settled a case there in which he was charged with obtaining groceries by fraudulent representation. The grocer dismissed the case upon Schwab paying for what he had gotten. A Macon county deputy sheriff immediately re-arrested Schwab upon the request of Sheriff Brents, of this county, the latter having learned that Schwab was under arrest at Decatur.

Schwab, while working as rural mail carrier out of Taylorville, mulcted several farmers out of one dollars each by agreeing to deliver them the St. Louis Daily Globe-Democrat for one year. Schwab failed to make good and was forced to resign his job. He was warned that indictments would be returned against him, but notwithstanding went only as far as Decatur. He was evidently looking for a term in prison and will probably obtain his desire. He was brought here Sunday and lodged in jail.—Taylorville Breeze.

NEARBY TOWNS

Long Creek.

Tyler & Co. are preparing to tear down the grain dump here and build an elevator as soon as the weather will permit.

Robert McVitty has moved in the property lately vacated by John Gustin.

Frank Flack is loading his car today to move to Litchfield.

There were 87 went from this place to Decatur on the 8:40 a. m. train Saturday.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society will meet at the home of Mrs. Black Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 2 p. m.

Miss Mabel Black who has been visiting with friends at Bearsdale is home again.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Stackhouse who has been quite sick is reported better.

Feb. 9.

Todds Point.

Next Saturday evening a Valentine Box social is announced at the hall by the members of the M. E. church on behalf of the preacher's salary. All are cordially invited to come and bring well-filled boxes and enjoy the music and other features of the social.

Miss Emel has secured the school for the summer.

Mrs. E. K. Jackson is reported improving though still unable to be up.

Wm. Perry and son, Moses, have ordered a car for their two stallions and will leave here for Decatur on Tuesday, Feb. 10th.

Tom Lilpop wil move to Prairie Home shortly and farm the Ed Stables 80 acres

The Box social at the school house a few evenings ago resulted in the receipt of over $20 for the augmentation of the school library.

Mrs. J. W. Atkinson spent a couple of days recently at the Birkett's helping them over the butchering season.

J. R. Henderson hauled goods for our merchant from Bethany last week. With four horses it proved a long and heavy day's work over such desperate roads.

The Rev. T. Sharpe will preach here next Sunday. His subject will be "Christ in Relation to Lincoln and the Negro."

Feb. 10.

Mt Auburn.

Amos Crafton is erecting a new residence in the northwest part of town.

Charles L. Gandy attended the prohibition state conference in Springfield.

Henry Porter returned home Thursday from Clay county, whither he was called by a telegram announcing the serious illness of his mother.

Thomas Wadleigh, formerly a missionary in India, lectured at the M. E. church Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. He was quite favorably received.

Officers for the new K. of P. lodge were elected Friday night.

Feb. 10.

Clinton.

There are now 250 or more families receiving mail here since the adoption of free delivery.

It has been rumored that a local freight will be put on between here and Peoria with a lay over at the latter place, in the near future.

News has been received here of the death of Mrs. Ettie Razey of Fresno, Cal. Her death occurred Feb. 5. She was a native of Clinton and resided here until about eight years ago. A husband and two daughters survive her.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris of Wapella are the parents of a baby girl, born Feb. 4.

Wm. Baker has filed a bill in the circuit court for a divorce from his wife, Maggie Baker. The bill sets up that they were married in April, 1898. Mrs. Baker is charged with infidelity, the co-respondent being Oliver King, a hired hand.

Mrs. Ella Morris has resigned as teacher of the 7th grade Washington school on account of ill health. The place has been supplied by Mrs. Hattie P. Wilson, former county superintendent.

A new trial has been granted in the People vs. Fuller; motions for new trials in the cases of Johnson vs. Bennett and Leming vs Peters were overruled. The case of J. T. McKinney vs Cornelius Huff has been appealed from the justice court.

Bessie, the four-year-old daughter of Wm. Hill and wife, died Friday evening from pneumonia. The funeral services were held at the residence at 11 a. m. Saturday. The remains were taken to Nebraska for burial.

The report that Will Clendenen and Miss Mary Williams were married in this city Feb. 6, is untrue.

Charles Phares and family of Maroa and Lauren Hildreth and family of this city will move to Missouri in the near future.

Harris & Bordenkecher have put in a new $1,000 washing machine at the Clinton steam laundry.

D. V. Wright and wife are the parents of a baby girl, born recently. A girl was also born to John Miller and wife of Jenkins on Friday.

W. J. Tull and family will move to California in August.

Feb. 9.

Mosquito.

Al Allen has had a very sick child. The doctor was called to see Ed Pumphry Friday who is very sick.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. August Kerzine, Friday, Feb. 6, a daughter.

Melvin Overmier, who is attending school at Taylorville spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Mrs. Press Ball is very sick.

Ed Barnett, Mose Morgan, Joe McVey, John Scott, August Kerzine and Mrs. Apple were visitors at Blue Mound Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. Hildebrant were at Decatur Saturday.

J. R. Scott spent Sunday near Harristown.

Dan Stickler sold his farm here and will soon move near Centralia.

Mrs. Mose Morgan was at Decatur Thursday.

August Fromm of Centralia is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Jimmie Morrison has been very sick this week.

Feb. 8.

National Christian Works.

Chicago, Feb. 10—The first business session of the National Christian Workers convention was held tonight. President Angell, of the University of Michigan, presiding. The subject discussed was the "Next Step Forward in Religious Education."

Insurance Men Meet.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 10—The Illinois Association of Mutual companies met today, heard the president's address and transacted routine business.

WATCH AND WAIT for the

... BIG CLEARANCE SALE ...

OF SUMERFIELD

LAST CASE OF SMALL POX

Discovered Yesterday is Located Just One Door East of the Sangamon Street School.

PATIENT GOES TO PEST HOUSE.

The board of health was called upon Tuesday to investigate a suspicious case of sickness on East Sangamon street, the first door east of the Sangamon school. The physician in charge was of the opinion that it was a case of smallpox, which opinion the board of health confirmed.

The victim is W. B. Bailey. The case is typical but it is not severe. The man is broken out and has been ill for several days. With his wife and brother he was living in one portion of the house while the other portion was occupied by a woman and her three children. The board decided that Bailey and his wife should be removed to the pest house today and the rest of the occupants have been quarantined for fourteen days. The worst feature of the outbreak is its proximity to a public school.

TWO PHONES BETTER THAN ONE

And Why Do You Think So?—Quincy Men Ask Questions.

Tuesday a number of Quincy men were in Decatur asking questions about telephones. At present Quincy has one system operated by the Central Union company. Another company is asking a franchise to establish a system there and is supported by a petition of considerable size. A counter petition has been presented to the council asking that the franchise be refused.

The committee which visited Decatur is to visit various towns where there are two telephone systems to learn if the addition of another system will increase advantages or disadvantages. They had a list of stock questions as follows:

Is your telephone service generally better now than when you had but one system?

Do the advantages outnumber the disadvantages?

Do the telephone companies keep up the efficiency now as wel as when the plants were first installed?

Do you think two telephones a benefit to the citizens generally?

Do you think they benefit your own business generally?

What effect did the installation of a second system have on the rates?

What was the former cost and what is the cost now?

As a citizen would you endorse the installation of a second system in your city if you had it to do over again?

Occasionally the investigators bumped up against a man who answered, "Would you rather have two bolls than one boll?" and "If you had two do you believe that you would be more even tempered than before, and if so, why?"

The Quincy men said in Quincy where service is given over an independent line the toll is $36 per annum and the visitors generally said that the service was good.

The party which included Dr. Beirne, chairman; Charles H. Achelpohl, secretary; Gottlieb Shanz, Fred Tellbuescher, Harry Coffield, J. Channon and Clem Bickhaus left Decatur yesterday afternoon for East St. Louis and will go to Terre Haute, Bloomington and Galesburg.

Money in Old Postage Stamps.

According to the Boston Globe nearly $6,000 was realized at the two days' sale of a private collection of postage stamps, which was held in London last week. A superb strip of six-penny orange Grenada stamps brought $110, St. Lucia four-penny blue $105, six-penny green $130, shilling orange $55, St. Vincent five shilling rose red $42, British Guiana, used, pair of one 10-cent magenta, dated 1852, $65; British Guiana, used, 4-cent magenta, 1856, $95; 4-cent blue, $45. So the canceled 2-cent stamps which Uncle Russ Sage is said to be saving may yet net him a handsome profit in the next forty or fifty years after all.—Atlanta Journal.

FUNERAL.

Samuel Martin.

The remains of the late Samuel Martin were taken to Forrest Tuesday for burial. Brief services were conducted by Rev. H. L. Strain at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. F. M. Kemp on East Herkimer street.

Marriage License.

Harry L. Stewart, Decatur 25
Mrs. Mabel C. Lewis, Chicago, ...26

Women are Peculiar

They have ailments and weaknesses peculiar to their sex causing them distress and anxiety. Thousands are carried to the grave by Decline, Consumption and other diseases of a fatal character by not correcting the evil in time. Time and trial have proved that no medicine will equal Beecham's Pills to combat these ailments and give happiness and health. Millions of women in every part of the world take no other medicine to keep them in perfect health but

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Women of middle age will find that Beecham's Pills strengthen and invigorate the nervous system, purify the blood and lay the foundation of health and strength.

Full directions will be found in the pamphlet wrapped around each box of pills.

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES

NEW ROUTE AT CERRO GORDO.

Cerro Gordo Rural Route No. 2 will be opened on March 2nd. John E. Eiler has accepted the position as carried. The route runs southwest and northwest and covers about twenty-five miles.

LIBRARY WILL CLOSE.

The Decatur Public Library will be closed all day Thursday on account of Lincoln's birthday.

PLACE TO STORE FUEL.

The Mueller Manufacturing Company is building a line of coal sheds on the north side of the Wabash track across from their plant. The recent coal famine has warned the company to prepare for any future trouble by having a place to store fuel.

CHURCH OF GOD REVIVAL.

The revival at the Church of God is progressing nicely. Rev. O. B. Huston is preaching nightly to good and attentive congregations. All the meetings are characterized with a deep earnest spirit and a sincere desire on the part of all who attend to make the effort, that is now being put forth, a success.

BOWLERS FROM MT. PULASKI.

A bowling team from Mt. Pulaski will be in the city tonight to meet a picked amateur team at the Brunswick alleys.

READY FOR WORK.

Rudolph Potrafka, who has been incapacitated for five weeks with a mashed finger expects to be able to resume work at the Cereal mills on Monday next. He was accidentally struck on the hand with a sledge hammer and the third finger of his left hand injured so badly that an amputation was necessary.

OPENS RESTAURANT.

A Rensberger of Blue Mound has opened a restaurant at 125 East William street.

VALENTINE PARTY.

The Cavalier Club will give a valentine dance tonight at the Guards' Armory. All the members will come dressed in doming costume with a red heart on the left side. The parents of all the members are invited to be present.

QUITS Y. M. C. A.

George Owens has resigned his position as assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A. to take a position as bookkeeper for V. H. Parks. Amzy Barr has taken the position made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Owens.

REVIVAL.

Rev. O. B. Huston of Charleston, Ill., is assisting in the revival service at the Church of God. The services are being held every evening and have been well attended. They will be continued indefinitely.

TENDER DERAILED.

Illinois Central Passenger Train No. 121 from the north was several hours late last night on account of the tender of Engine No. 941 being derailed at a frog.

T. A. PRITCHET TRADES

His Syndicate Block Building For Arkansas Land.

A deal by which Thomas A. Pritchet will transfer his interest in the Syndicate block, 20 feet, occupied by the Bean & Pritchet Grocery to Louis Sachs for a tract of land in Craig county, Arkansas, adjoining "New Decatur" has been completed.

In the aggregate this makes about 8,500 acres of Arkansas land which is owned by Decatur men. The land is altogether and they will work as a company to boom it. The present land owners are: George A. Stadler, J. W. Race, T. T. Springer, Sherman McClelland, John and Ed Mattes, J. H. Daggett, Frank Curtis, Sherry Tuttle, and Thomas A. Pritchet.

Mr. Sachs of Jonesboro, Ark., from whom all the land owned by Decatur parties has been purchased has still about 15,000 acres. In the various trades for land with Decatur men, he has secured the Brunswick Hotel, Blue Grass Shop and the Pritchet interest in the Syndicate block.

Mr. Sachs has been meeting some representatives of asphalt companies who claim there is asphalt under the land owned by the Decatur parties. They want asphalt rights on all the land, but Decatur men would rather investigate themselves before signing any contracts.

It is often wise to play the fool.

TALK ABOUT MOVING.

Matter is Agitating Members of Woman's Club.

The quarters now occupied by the Woman's club are leased by the month and the question of moving is now an absorbing one. That the club will move to other quarters there is little doubt, but just where they will go is a matter of considerable difference of opinion. The club owns about $200 worth of the stock of the building stock company and the women who were interested in the company and were also members of the club have dwindled to two or three and it is said will not stand in the way of the club moving should the majority so elect.

Sentiment is divided as to what the club needs. It was suggested that possibly the club could use a room in the new Carnegie library building but this idea was not entertained. There has been talk of renting and furnishing a residence in the central part of the city but this project involves a considerable outlay and few residences could be remodeled to give the necessary space. When the matter was first brought up last summer the plan of taking the rooms in the Powers block soon to be vacated by the library was suggested and has never wholly been lost sight of.

Mr. Harry Oldham, manager of the building, was asked by a reporter whether anything had been arranged. He said that of course he had heard something of the plan last summer and that recently there had been more talk of moving the club quarters but as far as he knew there had been nothing definite decided.

The matter is being agitated quietly among the members of the Woman's club and will probably come up at an early meeting.

PERSONALS.

Dr. Rice of Tuscola was in the city yesterday.

J. G. Keller was in Argenta Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Starr left Tuesday for New York.

Miss Nellie McCormick left Tuesday for Athens, California.

Earl Fouch of the Union News company will leave Thursday for his home in Canton for a few days visit.

R. C. Flemming, passenger agent of the Wabash of Springfield was in the city Tuesday.

James Millikin will leave the latter part of this week for Jacksonville, Florida.

Alderman Michael Fahay left Tuesday for Bloomington to attend the hardware men convention.

G. Grouss, formerly a Wabash passenger engineer, now living in South Dakota is in the city visiting friends.

Godfrey Hill has returned from Keokuk where he has been visiting his brother, Herman Hill for the past ten days.

J. A. Stone of Bement was in Decatur yesterday to see his daughter, Mrs. John Barnes, also of Bement, who is at the hospital and progressing favorably toward recovery after an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Mansfield of Niantic, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Locke of Tuscola, Mrs. J. A. Elliott and daughter, Miss Edith Elliott, of Lovington, and P. W. Thomas of Macon were Decatur visitors Tuesday.

J. E. Osborne and his mother, Mrs. Hannah Osborne, returned yesterday from Green's Fork, Ind., where they went about ten days ago to bury C. E. Osborne. Mrs. E. F. Pannell of Chicago a daughter of Mrs. Osborne, returned to Decatur with them and will make a short stay.

STATE DELEGATES.

Jack Lyons and Joe Hamberger Go to Springfield Meeting.

The regular meeting of the miners' union was held in their hall on East Eldorado street. Ed Clark, who was the delegate to the convention, at Indianapolis, gave a report of the convention. There was some warm discussion on some current union topics. Jack Lyons was elected miners' delegate and Joe Hamberger, company men's delegate to the state convention. The delegates received rigid instructions from the local, but the nature of the instruction is held a secret.

In Spite of the Rain.

The inclement weather Tuesday night was not sufficient to keep a large number of persons away from the opera house where the Howard-Dorset company presented "An Innocent Sinner." The play gave excellent satisfaction and the specialties between acts were warmly applauded. Tonight the company will present "Little Gypsy."

BUSINESS AND OTHERWISE

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MEETINGS.

M. W. A. Regular meeting Easterly Camp No. 1626 Wednesday evening at 7:30. Neighbors this is an important meeting and every member is earnestly requested to be present and participate in the election of 26 delegates to the county convention.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the O. R. C. meets Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the K. of P. hall in the Powers building.

Why, Indeed?

There lived in Kansas City a woman who had four children; two sons and two daughters. Her daughters stayed with her, and took care of her, and comforted her when one of her sons, Bud Taylor, was convicted of killing his sweetheart in the street, and sentenced to be hung. But the mother died and her will leaves all of her property to her two sons (one under sentence of death) and cuts off the two daughters. How dear to a mother are her sons, and how far out in the cold she sometimes pushes her girls! And why?—Atchison Globe.

Uncle Sam's Orange Crop.

The orange crop of the department of agriculture will be ready for harvesting within the next few weeks. This may sound a trifle strange at this latitude and season, when cold winds are blowing and the native trees have shed their summer foliage, but with the government's men of science many things are possible, and this is one of them. Not only does the department grow apples, plums, cherries and other fruits of the temperate zone, but quite a number that are not indigenous to these latitudes, among the number being the orange. In one of its large greenhouses the department has a small grove of orange, citron, shaddock, lemon, Japan plum and medlar trees of no mean size. Those of the citron family are literally burdened with the finest fruit, the citrons being almost ready for harvest. The oranges are now turning yellow. Some are entirely so, others green and still others with large patches of faint streaks of golden color. The Japan plums are now in the last stages of the bloom, the young fruit being in the first stages of formation.—Washington Post.

The Puritan in Indiana.

The candle light is gleaming through the tall sycamores in John Newdick's Indiana homestead. There will be waving cornfields and new mown hay when the corn fodder season arrives, but the philosopher of the Wabash is lamenting a $40 deficit, while his wife is rolling pie crust at home. And all because of his impetuous religious enthusiasm. The philosopher saw fit to lead in prayer while his wife was mixing bread, and because she had her hands in the dough and would not pray also he arose from his devotions and closed both of her eyes to teach her better manners. There rang the true Puritan spirit of our forefathers. It was not so many years ago that New England had stocks and pillory for those who would not go to church. The Wabash philosopher has historical precedent on his side. There is no excuse for the woman. The dough on her hands did not interfere with her knees. It is not the custom to kneel on all fours. The philosopher is $40 poorer and the wife is two black eyes richer, but, happy thought! they have both acquired new trials to pray about. —Brooklyn Times.

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Judicial Convention.

A delegate Republican Judicial convention of the Sixth judicial circuit of Illinois, for the purpose of nominating three candidates for circuit judges of said district, will be held at the court house in Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, on March 12, 1903, at 11 a. m. The basis of representation shall be one delegate for every 300 votes, or fraction over 150 cast for Fred Busse, for state treasurer in 1902. Number of delegates shall be as follows:

Champaign Co. 17.	Dewitt Co. 8
Douglas Co. 7.	Macon Co. 16.
Moultrie Co. 5.	Piatt Co. 7.

The manner of selecting delegates in counties where no delegates have been selected is referred to the proper authorities of said counties.

ROY WRIGHT, Chairman,
WILLIAM BOOTH, Secretary.
Decatur, Ill., Jan. 14, 1903.

SIGNIFICANT DATE.

Wednesday, Feb. 11—Thomas A. Edison, American inventor, born, 1847.

In the senate according to one of the members everything is "in statu Quay."

American shirt sleeve diplomacy is quite able to hold its own with the stilted and beruffled variety put up by Europe.

The next time the European powers undertake to bully a feeble state they will choose one where American influence is wanting.

Mean people are getting ready to send mean pictures to their enemies next Saturday. There appears to be little other use for Valentine's day.

Dr. Parkhurst of New York is discussing the ideal newspaper. Why not attempt something in the direction of the ideal minister? There is room for improvement of both.

Some wretch suggests that America furnished the Bowen of contention. It was not the Bloomington Pantagraph's punster either although almost bad enough for a Pantagraphic.

This is Edison's birthday. Why not wear incandescents as button hole bouquets today? Edison is 56 years old and has done more for the world than those who live can now estimate.

Mr. Sherman declined any committee assignment except a place on appropriations and rules. He said that other places offered him should go to his friends of the 39. Thereby he holds his lines intact.

There is to be a new building at Washington for the department of agriculture. The cost will be $1,500,000 and it will be placed just in front of the present structure. It will not be ready before it is needed.

Washington Gladden a Congregational minister of Columbus, Ohio, is a man of a wonderful wealth of thought. He has enriched the religious world with a breadth and learning that makes him a leader of his time. He is 67 years old today and is in the zenith of his power.

Joseph W. Folk who successfully prosecuted the St. Louis boodlers is widening his horizon. He spoke at the New York Tilden club banquet on Monday evening. Next some one will suggest Mr. Folk as a reform candidate for the presidency. Being a democrat he may be the long lost leader, a sort of Charlie Ross of democracy.

Some one threatens to introduce a bill prohibiting members of the legislature who ride on passes to draw mileage. But is there big enough a sucker this side of the crack of doom to believe that such a bill would get a vote beyond its author? Possibly he would be absent or not voting.

The appellate court in Chicago has affirmed a decision of the lower court holding that the telephone company could not charge a sum greater than the sum fixed in its franchise. It seems therefore that corporations using the streets and alleys of cities can be held to the terms of the franchise. As it is proposed to fix a maximum rate for heating in Decatur this decision becomes of importance here.

John D. Rockefeller may not be a saint. Still he is not a fool. Hence he did not send those telegrams. There is no doubt about the willingness of the Standard Oil company and its chief manipulator to control congress. But all this does not indicate that Rockefeller would act such an idiot as to send the telegrams sent out from Washington. Some one wanted to manufacture a sensation. That is all.

The European allies are learning some few things as the days go by. They have discovered that Bowen cannot be fooled or frightened. He announces an ultimatum and means what he says. Another thing is that the American representative of Venezuela knows what he wants. When England, Germany and Italy are through they will know more, though their diplomacy may be somewhat scarred and disfigured.

Missouri is all torn up over a proposition to move the state capital from Jefferson City to St. Louis. The contest is almost equal to that in Platt county over the new court house. De Land, Bement and other places would rob Monticello of her distinction. So St. Louis seeks to despoil Jefferson City of its only glory. The struggles of these smaller towns are amusing to such business centers as Decatur and Chicago.

Senator Stringer of Logan county, our Larry, threatens to go to New York to help launch the boom of Yellow Journal Hearst for the presidential nomination on the democratic ticket. Our senator should have a care for the consequences. Populism and Bryanism came pesky near ending the democratic party. What socialism and Hearstism would do to it can easily be foreseen. Hearst's millions would be very handy during the campaign but the hereafter to the party would be gloomy.

Rev. Dr. Buckley has plunged himself into a kettle of hot water speaking metaphorically and ecclesiastically. He is the editor of the Christian Advocate the great Methodist organ of New York. He declared that statistics show that Methodism is actually declining. Other good authorities vehemently denied the statement. It is probable that Dr. Buckley had a bad turn with dyspepsia and had a pessimistic inning. It is sure that in this section of the Lord's heritage Methodism is not declining.

THE CURSE OF PATRONAGE.

The Springfield Daily News calls attention to the fact that the curse of patronage is infecting the daily life of that city, and nothing is this demoralizing influence shown more than in the employment of pages. Enough pages are employed in the two houses of the legislature to fill a ledger. They draw a dollar and a half a day and for every twenty days they receive from the state treasury, thirty dollars. Every family of prominence in Springfield tries to get a son or relative in on the payroll as a page and the amount of log rolling, button holing, and expenditure of influence manifested in this direction throws every other interest into the shade. The effect on the boys themselves is wholly bad. In the first place, they are taught that the way to succeed is to get easy money. They are brought face to face with all the evils of legislative bodies without seeing anything of the benefits. They are taken away from school at a time when their studies are most valuable to them. When they engage in an occupation where they have to work long and hard to earn fifty cents per day they are disgusted. Taught to look upon the state for their means of support they naturally conceive the idea that office holding is the end and aim of existence. And that the intent of an office holder is to get as much money as he can and return as little service as he can. This thing poisons the whole atmosphere of Springfield. Her system of pages trains up a set of grafters that in later years develop into parasites and hangers on about the state house. The idea of easy money once implanted can never be effaced. The News does well to lift its voice against this abuse. It insists that the number of pages should be cut down, that persons of more mature years should be employed and that the boys should be sent back to school and kept away from the demoralizing influences of the state house as far as possible. The News has good sense.

Assumpsit Suit.

In the circuit court Tuesday I. A. Buckingham filed an assumpsit suit in which Samuel Weaver is the plaintiff and against T. C. Ponting. The demand is for $6000 and it is said that the suit grows out of a note transaction, Weaver having been a surety.

With the Sick.

Samuel Muir is very ill with pneumonia at his home, 1515 East Eldorado street. His two sons and two daughters have been summoned from Chicago to attend his bedside.

Miss Van Winkle is very ill with pneumonia at the residence of R. S. Behon on West William street.

LADIES' AID RECEPTION.

Held at the Church Street Church Tuesday Afternoon.

The monthly meeting of the General Aid Society of the Church street Christian church postponed from the regular day, Feb. 3rd on account of the weather was held Tuesday afternoon in the parlors of the church. It was followed by a reception to the church members by the Aid Society officers, viz; Mrs. J. W. Fletcher, president, Mrs. F. B. Jones, vice president Mrs. Chas. Wandel, secretary, Mrs. John Klett, treasurer, Mrs. John Stumpf, Mrs. E. L. Stringer, Mrs. Alice Merritts, purchasing committee, Mrs. O. Ewing, representative for press. It was a very pleasant affair and was attended by about eigthy-five. All the visitors were served with ice cream and cake and all presented with a souvenir of the occasion. The president presented each of the officers with a bunch of carnations. All pronounced it a grand success. The meeting had a large attendance which convened at 2 p. m. The different wards all had good reports. The report of dues for the month of March was $34. It was decided by the society to give a patriotic entertainment on Monday evening February 23rd at the tabernacle which will be announced later During the afternoon Mrs. Burks recited an original poem.

Letter List.

The following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for at the Decatur postoffice for the week ending February 10.

Gentlemen's List.

Allen, Wm. G.	H.
Attebery, C. M.	Hamilton, James
Ballinger, P. D.	Harding, Ed.
Bapter, Guy	Hise, Wm.
Barber, Master Fred.	Lee, Ed.
	Leonard, C. F.
Bell, L.	Lowe, David
Bramel, B. F.	McClellan, Joseph H.
Buddick, Frank,	
Butt, L. H.	McKinney, David
Ceater, C. E.	Moore, Levi
Chriswell, Roy	Reid, Thomas J.
Clesson, F. D.	Robinson, F. G.
Cline, Tom	Rollo, W. F.
Crozier, W. J. (M. D.)	Showers, Jacob C.
	Smith, Harvey
Cunningham, H. L.	Stephens, Wm.
Davis, Chas.	Sturtevant, J. B.
Deffenbaugh, Abram (2)	Sylvester, J. T.
	Taylor, S.
Erbar, Henry.	Tongate, Emmit
Evans, James	Trunner, J. F.
Freeman, Shock	Vandiver, J. H.
Garwood, Mr.	Wasson, D. G.
Greenman, H. K.	Webb, Ralph
Goldberg, S.	Wells R. E. (2)

Ladies' List.

Conce, Inia	Johnson, Mrs. L. P.
George, Mrs. C. H.	Lemke, Sarah
Graham, Eva	Lynch, Emma
Hardy, Mary	Markland, Lulu
Harrington, Sarah	Richie, Ettie
Henry, Edith M.	Robinson, Hattie
Hester, Catherine	Rolpp, Mrs. H.
Huntington, Mrs. D. W.	Russell, Eunice
	Warren, Jull
Jewell, Saida	

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AMUSEMENTS.

Micky Finn.

At the opera house Thursday evening "Micky Finn" will be presented. It is declared to be a comedy born, brim full of fun and will be presented at 25, 35 and 50 cents.

"Prince of Pilsen."

Saturday evening the new and popular comic opera, "Prince of Pilsen" will be presented at the opera house by Henry W. Savage's company.

"Pretty Peggy."

Grace George comes to the opera house next Tuesday evening in her latest great success, "Pretty Peggy."

Elect Officers.

The regular monthly meeting of the Social Helpers of Central Church of Christ, was held yesterday. The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. Jos. Murphy.
Vice President—Mrs. Jacob Hanes.
Secretary—Mrs. Arthur Keith.
Treasurer—Mrs. Emma Landis.

The society was presented with a handsome silk quilt by Mrs. F. J. Blaine in memory of her mother the late Mrs. Jane Culver who was for years an efficient member of this society.

COUSIN DIED SUDDENLY.

Wilson Bering Called to New Orleans By the Death of Harry Jackman.

Wilson Bering left Tuesday for New Orleans in response to a message announcing the death of his cousin, Harry Jackman. His death was very sudden. Only a few weeks ago Mr. Jackman was in the city on a visit and during that time he met a number of people and formed many pleasant acquaintances.

Inspecting School Buildings.

Mrs. V. N. Hostetler and J. J. Roach of the board of education went to Bloomington on Tuesday noon and President David Shellabarger went to Chicago. While Mr. Shellabarger's business in Chicago is not strictly relative to school matters he will investigate a number of the new buildings in that place. The other two members of the board will visit the new buildings in Bloomington.

Nothing Doing.

Hon. J. M. Gray went back to Springfield yesterday to attend the session of the legislature. It will be brief, arrangements having been made for an adjourment today owing to the fact that tomorrow is Lincoln's birthday. The legislature has now been in session for five weeks and according to the members themselves has done absolutely nothing. They promise to get busy next week.

Pool Tournament.

A pool tournament will be opened at the Iroquois club on Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. The contest will be for club members and will close in two months. The prizes are a fine inlaid billiard cue and two boxes of cigars. As many of the players at the club are experts the contest will likely be a warm one. At the close of the contest the club will serve a banquet in honor of the victorious members.

SHAMROCK III

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A NEW SAILING MASTER.

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According to recent cablegrams from London Sir Thomas Lipton was not as enthusiastic about his third attempt to lift the American cup as he was about the two previous attempts. He consented to make the third challenge upon the urging of members of the Royal Ulster Yacht club, having previously clung to the hope that some one else would undertake the job. When members of the Yacht club, however, offered to defray half the expenses Sir Thomas Lipton promptly declined the offer and said he would make the challenge and pay the bill himself.

That is how the new Shamrock came to be growing at this moment under the closely guarded sheds at Dumbarton. The Royal Ulster club, the designer, Fyfe; Captain Wringe, who is to sail the yacht, and even the king appear to be considerably more interested in the vessel than the owner.

"What are your chances?" said a Lipton shareholder last week to Sir Thomas.

"Go ask Fyfe," said the baronet. "He knows more about it than I do."

Sir Thomas is more chary this time than ever before about making predictions of success, but the members of the Royal Ulster club intimate they have certain reasons for believing that something is going to happen next August. It is a fact which has not been published before, that when the models of Shamrock II. and Shamrock III. were tried recently the latter was estimated to be three minutes faster. Sir Thomas' comment on this cheering result was that it wouldn't be like the Americans if they, too, did not improve their record by three minutes.

Under Lock and Key.

The yard where Shamrock III. is on the stocks is closely watched day and night by a selected body of detectives, and no stranger without proper credentials is admitted in the gates. The men employed in her construction are sworn to secrecy, and informed that they will be subject to immediate discharge if they say anything whatever about the vessel. Only the most trusted employes of the firm are allowed in this particular yard. The designer is in regular attendance, and there is hardly a screw that is not carefully examined by him.

Another favored visitor is the new skipper, Captain Robert Wringe, who was the choice of Mr. Fyfe. Neither Sir Thomas Lipton nor the Royal Ulster Yacht club had anything to do with putting him in the shoes of his old fellow townsman, Captain Sycamore, who sailed the second Shamrock. The change of captains causes comment of course, and it is rumored that Sir Thomas the more readily indorsed the selection of Captain Wringe because of criticisms made by Captain Sycamore in regard to the rival American crew. Sir Thomas, it is said, did not like the idea of a suggestion that everything was not done in an honest and sportsmanlike way. Far form manifesting jealousy, Captain Sycamore is doing all he can to help the Shamrock cause along.

Has Sailed American Waters.

The general feeling among yachtsmen seems to be that if the cup is ever to come back to England Captain Wringe is the man specially designed by Providence to bring it. He has had a lot of experience in American waters, having sailed the Belmont yacht for some time. He also sailed Ailsa for F. B. Jameson and accompanied Captain Hogarth on Shamrock I.

The captain is considered a mighty man in the picturesque little Essex town of Brightlingsea, whose every inhabitant, man, woman and child, knows all there is to know about yachting, and more too. It is a matter of fixed belief among the experts who swarm about Captain Wringe's modest house in Brightlingsea that if he wins the cup he will be made "Sir Robert" at the very least, and that Sir Thomas will step from a baronetcy on the outer threshold of the house of lords, through the desired portals and with the barons stand. If you want to be a peer it makes all the difference in the world whether you are a baron or a baronet. It is the little "et" on the end of his title that keeps Sir Thomas from being refered to as "Mc Lud."

Although the honest Brightlingsea folk are probably doomed to disappointment regarding their hopes of a knighthood for Captain Wringe, they can be certain that if he wins the cup he will pass beyond the ranks of the moderately well-to-do and become regularly rich, according to Brightlingsea standards. Sir Thomas will see to that. Furthermore, he can safely count on getting elected mayor of Brightlingsea, a position which has already been held by Captain Sycamore.

First in The Field.

Jacob Troutman is the first person to formally announce that he wants a township office, as will be seen by reference to another column. He is a candidate for highway commissioner in district No. 2, subject to the action of the republican convention. Mr. Troutman and his finends feel that his knowledge of the township and of the neds of the roads entitle him to consideration at the hands of the party.

Tendency of the Times.

The tendency of medical science is toward preventive measures. The best thought of the world is being given to the subject. It is easier and better to prevent than to cure. It has been fully demonstrated that pneumonia, one of the most dangerous diseases that medical men have to contend with, can be prevented by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Pneumonia always results from a cold or an attack of influenza (grip), and it has been observed that this remedy counteracts any tendency of these diseases toward pneumonia. This has been fully proven in many thousands of cases in which this remedy has been used during the prevalence of colds and grip in recent years and can be relied upon with implicit confidence. Pneumonia often results from a slight cold when no danger is apprehended until it is suddenly discovered that here is fever and difficulty in breathing and pains in the chest, then it is announced that the patient has pneumonia. Be on the safe side and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the cold is contracted. It always cures. For sale by all druggists.

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